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LAREDO, TEX., *April 24, 1904.*WYMAN, *Washington:*

Replying Bureau telegram 23d, nominate from 25th instant for duty along railroads Joaquin Sanchez, A. C. Dowd, James Wilkison, and Albert Schuervi. Will send force Monday morning to Cotulla to start work there, making house to house inspection, disinfecting, and demonstrating mosquito work. When finished Cotulla, will instruct Cock proceed towns north far as Leon, demonstrating methods, organizing local forces, and doing disinfection if necessary. Request authority this travel and to ship material necessary to points along railroad.

RICHARDSON.

WASHINGTON, *April 25, 1904.*RICHARDSON, *Laredo, Tex.:*

Replying your telegram 24th, nominations approved, but forward all names by mail. Travel for these 4 lay inspectors approved and authorized ship necessary material. Have a separate report of each place visited made to you and you forward same to Bureau promptly as possible in writing, and also make concise report by telegraph. Keep Bureau informed also as to movements of Acting Assistant Cock.

WYMAN.

*Inspection of Runge and Charco.*CORPUS CHRISTI, TEX., *April 20, 1904.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that in accordance with your order of 19th instant I to-day visited Runge and carefully investigated its sanitary condition. I found that there had not recently been any sickness there of a suspicious nature. The people in the town proper and vicinity have suffered during the past fall and winter from attacks of intermittent malarial fever. I visited Dr. W. C. Moore, the leading physician of the place, and he informed me that there had been a great deal more of malarial attacks among them than was formerly customary. The attacks, he states, are decidedly intermittent in character and always yield readily to quinine. There have been no fatalities recently.

I learned from Doctor Moore that there had been, last fall, some unusual sickness at a small town by name of Charco, located about 12 miles, by dirt road, from Runge, and that at the present time there were quite a number sick in one family at that place, so I secured a vehicle and drove over to investigate. At Charco I met Doctor Simmons, who is the physician of that locality, and visited the sick with him. I found 6 members of one family confined to bed with rubeola. He was the physician in whose practice the unusual sickness referred to above occurred last fall. The clinical history given by him indicated that 6 of the cases suffered from uræmic poisoning, but the history was not full enough for one to make a diagnosis. On my return to Runge I found that I could catch the train for this place, reaching here to-night, so I decided to come and work from here north, investigating all of the little towns between here and San Antonio. I think that two or three days will be consumed in investigating this place, as it is a town of about 5,000 people.

Respectfully,

JOHN H. PURNELL,
Acting Assistant Surgeon.